



U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service

Be Part of the Solution

Apply to Intern with America's Peacemaker

The United States Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS) is seeking students from diverse academic backgrounds interested in working with "America's Peacemaker" in communities across the nation. Through CRS's internship program, students gain first-hand experience working for a federal agency with nationwide impact – helping prevent and respond to conflict, tension, hate crimes, and other challenges facing our communities today.

Why should students consider CRS's internship program? ▼

Witness day-to-day operations of a federal agency

Observe first-hand how CRS serves the country in one of its 15 offices

Gain a unique perspective of CRS's work and mission

Work on projects covering a diverse subject area

Attend meetings and events with staff to expand government knowledge and conflict resolution strategies

Student Volunteer Internship Program Overview ▼

Who: Current undergraduate, graduate, and law school students passionate about improving community relations in support of CRS's mission, in collaboration with state and local governments, private and public organizations, and community groups and leaders. CRS accepts applicants from all majors.

Where: Students can apply to intern at CRS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., or at one of the 10 regional or four field offices located across the country. See map on reverse side for locations.

When: CRS accepts applications for Summer, Fall, and Spring internships on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Qualifications:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate, or law student
- Must pass a security background check before final approval

(Security checks can take up to four months)



Interning at CRS not only provided me with a comprehensive understanding of our justice system, but also allowed me to gain insight on the niche focus of CRS. CRS was a place in which my passion for civil rights issues was merged with my interests in improving community relations, building community resolutions, and positive government action. - JAIPREET SETHI

What: Types of assignments for interns may vary based on office location. Examples include:

- ▶ **Assist senior leaders and staff** with researching and writing, program evaluation, regional casework review, operations, and analyzing strategy for community conflict resolution.
- ▶ **Assist Legal Counsel** with reviewing memoranda of understanding related to casework and Freedom of Information Act responses and legal research.
- ▶ **Assist regional staff** with planning and delivering CRS's services and participating in local community casework to help ease tension stemming from bias-based incidents or hate crimes.

How: Apply by emailing the following to CRSInternCoordinator@usdoj.gov:

- Resume
- Brief cover letter explaining your interest in CRS, dates of availability, and desired office location
- Current college or university transcript

We recommend applying at least four months in advance of your anticipated start date.

For more information, please contact CRSInternCoordinator@usdoj.gov

About CRS ▼

Established by Title X of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and expanded by the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, CRS serves as “America’s Peacemaker” for communities facing tension or conflict based on differences of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and disability. CRS services aim to enhance the ability of local communities to independently and collaboratively prevent and resolve future conflicts through the use of problem solving, increased knowledge, and improved communication.

CRS Services and Programs ▼

CRS provides an array of programs to communities experiencing tension, as a tool for cultivating understanding, improving collaboration, and preventing future disagreements. CRS staff are professional mediators, facilitators, trainers, and consultants experienced in bringing community members together to help enhance their ability to resolve existing conflict and prevent future conflicts.

Where We Work ▼

CRS Headquarters 📍
Washington, DC

CRS Regional Offices 📍

New England
Boston, MA

Northeast
New York, NY

Mid-Atlantic
Philadelphia, PA

Southeast
Atlanta, GA

Midwest
Chicago, IL

Southwest
Dallas, TX

Central
Kansas City, MO

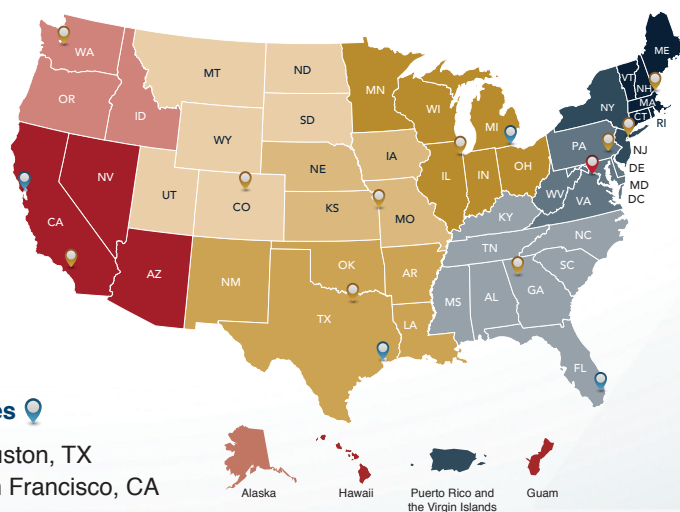
Rocky Mountain
Denver, CO

Western
Los Angeles, CA

Northwest
Seattle, WA

CRS Field Offices 📍

Miami, FL Houston, TX
Detroit, MI San Francisco, CA



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